

# IF IN NEED OF LUMBER FIGURE WITH THE CHICAGO LUMBER COMPANY.

## ABILENE REFLECTOR.

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Party lines were not drawn in Tuesday's election.

April 14th is Arbor day. Plant trees; make Kansas paradise found.

What will be the population of Abilene in two years if the boom continues? At least, 10,000!

Vote for the Rock Island bonds, and reduce the county bonded indebtedness fifty thousand dollars.

If the election returns don't suit you, remember there was lots of dust thrown in the voter's eyes on that day.

Election day was a bad day for the race,—we mean the human race. This does not refer to the successful candidates, and its originality is antique.

He who is passionate and hasty is generally honest. It is your old, dissembling hypocrite of whom you should beware. There's no deception in a bull dog. It is only the cur that sneaks up and bites you when your back is turned.

The world will soon be covered with a net work of telegraph lines. A company of British capitalists has been organized to lay a cable from Vancouver, B. C., to Hong Kong, China. There will be branches and connections with Japan, and the principal islands of the Pacific.

An exchange says: It won't be long now until the poor oppressed husband will have blisters on his hands from holding to a fishing pole, while his tyrannical wife will be staying at home having fun with the spade and the garden.

Sherman evidently wants the Republican nomination for president quite as badly as Blaine. But he will find it a little difficult, we opine, to satisfactorily explain his bloody shirt record to the south, or his long-time consistent devotion to Wall street and corporation interests, to the working people of the north.

Our reading matter is extremely limited this week, owing to the rush for advertising space, and would have been more so, had we not refused a four column advertisement. Our readers must blame themselves, and not us, for it is the boom they are continually working up, that crowds out the news in our columns.

Candidates are already being talked of for the very pleasant and lucrative office of Register of Deeds for Dickinson county. This office has become the very best in the gift of the people. In this county, with the boom we are having and the amount of farm and city property that is changing hands, the office of register cannot fall much short of \$10,000 a year. It is therefore really worth having, and we predict a lively race among the many who aspire to that favored position.—*Hope Dispatch.*

In the Topeka special correspondence of the Kansas City Times, in reference to the effect of the Murray bill, the following appears:

In Abilene, a town of about 8,000 people, only eight sales of liquor were reported during the first day by the nine drug stores. At one store where, before the passage of the present law, an ordinary day's sales aggregated from seventy to one hundred, only two sales were made, and the diseases for which the purchased whisky was to be used were "chills" and "colds."

At Salina, a town of about 5,000 people, only a few sales were made and the law was generally observed.

How do you like the comparison in population, Salina, written by a disinterested party?

Eighteen hundred and eighty-seven is the fiftieth anniversary of the following events: President Van Buren takes office, March 4; Victoria becomes queen, June 20; Evans storms Irwin, May 17; Espartero takes Hernani, May 15; Carlisle defeat at Valencia, July 15; Imperial parliament dissolved, July 17; cholera in Europe, July, August; Carlisle victory at Herra, August 24; Saldanda and Terrera defeated, September 18; French chamber of deputies dissolved, October 4; French storm Constantinople, October 13; Persians besiege Herat, November 22; winter palace at St. Petersburg burned, December 29; Father Mathew's temperance mission began publication of "Pickwick Papers" and of Carlyle's "French Revolution."

A pleasant indication of the educational advance of the southern negro is afforded by the recent opening in New Orleans, of the Southern University for colored people, in one of the finest educational buildings in the south, and occupying an entire square in the most fashionable quarters of that city. At the opening of the institution, with four hundred negro youths, there was a mingling of whites and blacks in nearly equal numbers, and the principal address was delivered by Dr. B. M. Palmer, of the Southern Presbyterian church, one of the strongest supporters of slavery before the war. The "color line," when there is any, is really about the same, north and south.

### Prohibition That Prohibits.

We read that the sultan of Morocco has prohibited the sale of intoxicants of all kinds, and the use of tobacco throughout his empire; that large quantities of leaf tobacco have been publicly burned, and that for disobedience of the sultan's orders several Moors have been stripped and flogged through the streets.

### Somé Facts in Regard to the Bond Propositions, to be Submitted Next Week.

Next Tuesday the voters of Dickinson county will be called upon to vote bonds for two railroad propositions. The REFLECTOR has been silent in regard to urging the voters of the county to support the propositions, nor has it endeavored to throw any light upon the subject until a thorough investigation had been made, to ascertain if the release claimed to be made by the O. A. & W. company, in case the bonds carried at the coming election, for the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska branch of the Rock Island road, was a genuine release. Also, if there was any probability of the road being built if the bonds were voted, and whether there was any prospect of the Chicago, Omaha and Fort Worth road being built if aid was voted; also whether the bonds voted for the Chicago, St. Joe and Southwestern road were going to be released. After due inquiry, and carefully looking over the records and papers on file, and looking up the financial standing of the parties back of the proposed lines, the REFLECTOR is thoroughly satisfied that both lines will be built and operated if the aid is voted; that the \$150,000 bonds, voted the O. A. & W. road will be released, if the county votes \$100,000 aid to the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska branch of the Rock Island road. Such a release is on file, and takes effect in case bonds are voted for the last named road. The Chicago, Omaha and Southwestern road is backed by several of the leading capitalists of the United States. Among the many prominent men who are officers of the proposed line, are: Demas Barnes, of New York, a director of the Long Island railroad, and a man worth \$15,000,000; Gilbert B. Shaw, of Chicago, vice president of the Metropolitan National bank; T. W. Harvey and C. L. Allen, of Chicago, both millionaires and shrewd business men; Henry T. Clark, of Omaha, one of the wealthiest and best known business men of that city. The city of Omaha is working with a will to get the road. There never was as much interest manifested by the people of Omaha for the success of any line to that city, as they are showing for the Chicago, Omaha and Southwestern. Bonds have been voted in Nebraska, and work commenced from Omaha southwest. The \$100,000 bonds voted last fall to aid the building of the Chicago & Fort Worth road, have been released by C. W. Davis, president of that line. By voting the \$100,000 to each of the two propositions next Tuesday, will guarantee the release of \$150,000 to the O. A. & W., the other \$100,000 having already been released. Now the question arises in the minds of the people of the county, what are the benefits to be derived from voting for the bonds? The great Rock Island needs no introduction to the people of Dickinson county. The advantages to be derived from such a line are too numerous to mention. The Chicago, Omaha and Southwestern places us within twenty miles as near Omaha as Kansas City, and forty-two miles nearer Chicago than via Kansas City. It would also give us a competing line to Texas, and be a benefit to the entire county. The more railroads built in the county the better towns, and, consequently, better markets for everything raised on the farm. Real estate will increase in value, tax on the different roads will help to sustain our treasury, and make the surplus tax to pay interest on the bonds, merely nominal. In the townships where the road passes through, the railroad tax will exceed the tax paid by the residents of those townships. In the townships that the lines do not pass through, the bonds proposed are \$50,000 less than the bonds voted, that will be released. Candidly and frankly, can anyone deny the assertions above made, and prove that they are not facts?

**A Giant Chestnut's Mysterious Deposit.**  
On the farm of John Guinther, in Rockland township, Berks county, Pa., says the Allentown Democrat, a chestnut tree was recently cut down which for size is probably not excelled by any other tree of its kind in the state. It measured 30½ feet in circumference, 10 feet 2 inches across the butt, and yielded 12 cords of fire wood. It was solid to the core, yet, and only last season a crop of about 3½ bushels of chestnuts was secured from it. The concentric rings in the wood were plainly marked, and possessing an enquiring mind the owner counted them, and this established the fact that the tree sprung up from the parent chestnut about 230 years ago. The most remarkable fact in connection with the old forest monarch, however, was the discovery, in splitting it up, of a small, hollow metal tube solidly imbedded in the wood of the trunk about three feet inward from the outer surface and which upon examination was found to contain a strip of paper on which was written with ink, in German, "Johann Jacob Georg Walter, Tubingen, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Anno 1765." The supposition is that the tube was for some mysterious purpose hid in the tree when of ordinary size, by boring into it with an augur, and then plugged up, and that afterwards the puncture was grown over and the foreign matter thus shut out from observation.

A surveying outfit stopping in or passing through the city nowadays is so common an occurrence that it excites no attention whatever.

*A. E. Bishop & Co.*

Offer the greatest inducements to purchasers. Never in the history of our business have we, or any firm in Abilene, been able to offer the trade such unparalleled bargains as we are now giving our customers. The variety of our stock is unsurpassed in Central Kansas; and in no store in the whole country will you find so many goods crowded in the same space. It is true that our store is inadequate to accommodate the mammoth stock of new goods that we have received this Spring, but we can stand the inconvenience of being crowded, when we have our low prices unhesitatingly praised by our customers. We ask you to read carefully the following concerning a few of our specialties when you go to buy Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes and Millinery.

### DRESS GOODS.

The immense sales we have made in this line and the wild exclamations of delight made by the ladies who have seen them, prove to us that our styles and selections are unsurpassed. We have dress goods for all. Half wool dress goods for 6c, worsted dress goods, lace stripes, canvass patterns, plain, &c., all at the low price of 12½, 20, 30, 35 and 40c. We show the greatest variety of nice dress goods ever exhibited in Abilene. Our summer silks at 35c, buy them quick, they are awful cheap. Surah silks and satin Rhadomes are very stylish this season. We are showing a large line of these goods.

25 pieces striped velvet and plushes, (all colors) your choice for \$1.00 per yard. Would be cheap at \$1.50.

Never have wash goods been as beautiful as they are this spring. Even calicoes partake of a loveliness heretofore unknown. See our styles in Batistes, the most serviceable dress goods in the market. Beautiful styles in Penangs, Foulards and Percales for dresses. Satens, Seersuckers and Ginghams in great profusion. Toile de Noid in single dress patterns, one of the latest things. Scotch Zephyr Ginghams, worth 25 and 35c, we sell them at 18c.

### WHITE GOODS.

Check nainsooks per yard 8c, 10c, and 12c.  
India linens 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c, and 25c.  
Great variety of fancy white goods; prices that will please all.

### SHAWLS.

This is going to be a great shawl season. We offer a silk embroidered Newport scarf at \$1.25. Cashmere Shawls and Scarfs, all the new things, at low prices, genuine Persian Shawls, Paisleys, &c. We show them all.

### BOOTS AND SHOES.

In no department has our success been more marked than in this line of goods. This great increase enables us to buy specialties in such quantities that we are enabled to make prices, heretofore unknown. Ladies' Toe Slippers, hand turned, warranted genuine kid, for the small sum of \$1.00. Woman's all solid Newport ties, the biggest bargain in Abilene, \$1.00 per pair.

Ladies Kid Shoes, silk worked button holes, per pair, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00.

The most complete line of popular priced goods in the market. The babies and children have not been forgotten.

Plow shoes, dirt excluders, all solid, worth \$1.75, we sell them at \$1.35.

### JERSEYS.

Here is where we down them all. Fine all wool Jersey at \$1.00. New style boucle Jersey coat back at \$1. and \$1.75. Boucle Jackets and children's Jerseys, we show you lots of them.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Pearl buttons all sizes per doz. 5c.  
Good quality 5 lb. note paper per quire 5c.  
Lead pencils (each) 1c.  
25 envelopes for 5c.  
Striped velvets per yard \$1.00.

### DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

Good calicoes, dress style, 5c.  
Ginghams for 5c.  
Fine brown muslins, (good) 7c.  
Low prices on Tickings, Denims, Ducks, Cottonades, Shirts, etc.  
American A grainbags 20c.  
Stock A grainbags 25c.  
Special low prices on all muslins by the piece.

### HOSIERY.

Gent's seamless socks 8½c.  
Ladies hose, stripes and solid colors, 3 pair for 25c.  
Large line of Ladies, Misses and Childrens regular made lisle and cotton hose 20 per cent. cheaper than ever offered in this market.

### FOR MEN.

We are offering special inducements in the way of gent's furnishing goods

The best New York mills unlaundred shirt, worth each \$1.00 everywhere, we sell at 75c.

Silk faced suspenders 25c.

Gent's gauze underwear 40c.

Gent's balbriggan underwear extra quality 65c.

Gent's fine British hose 30c.

Gent's extra fine British hose (worth 50c.) 35c.

Gent's fine low cut shoes worth \$3.00 and \$3.50 for \$2.50.

Full line of gent's button, congress and lace shoes. Look out for the greatest special sale of gent's neck wear ever made in the state of Kansas. Every body come for bargains to A. E. Bishop & Co.

### MILLINERY GOODS.

Beautiful and lovely are words entirely inadequate to express the great variety of designs in Millinery this spring. Never have the shapes been so acceptable to the trade. Never has there been so great a variety of trimmings and of such new and novel designs. Double the stock ever before shown in Abilene, and we have cut prices down lower than ever before. With Miss Patton, the only first class trimmer in Abilene, with our immense stock and low prices, we can please all. We invite all to come and examine our goods.

*A. E. Bishop & Co.*

J. G. HAMAKER & CO.



Are now receiving their new Spring Dry Goods and Shoes, and it is scarcely necessary to repeat what has been the experience of every man and woman who have bought goods of us, that our prices are positively correct in every instance; and in many cases much below those of our neighbors, not because we own our goods so much cheaper than everybody else, as some of our neighbors seem to presume for themselves. We sell goods cheap because we want to do so, because we are willing to work cheap, because we prefer to move piles of goods at low figures. We will mention but a few of the leading features of our stock.

20 different patterns Batiste cloth, one of the most popular wash fabrics in the market.

500 yards Grey Worsted Suitings from 18c to 85c.

250 yards Grey Tricot at 65c per yard, worth 85c.

250 yards Albatros cloth in all the desirable shades.

1000 yards Crinkled Seersuckers.

Elegant line of spring style Ginghams at 6½, 8 and 10c.

New spring style Sateens at 10, 15 and 25c.

India Dress Linen at 8, 10 and 12½, 15 and 18c.

10 different patterns Cream Colored Wash Fabric, something entirely new.

80 different patterns Oriental Lace Skirting in white and cream all over to match.

100 different patterns Embroidered Swiss Skirting, all over and flouncing to match, at one-third off last year's prices.

We want to call your particular attention to our black and colored Gros Grain Silks. Will name you but one item, a good weight, all ali silk gros grain in the new shades of Tan at 75c.

For the benefit of those people who do not know us we will state that we hold ourselves financially responsible for any and all representations made in respect to these or any other class of goods.

We will show you a very attractive shawl stock in English checks and Persians.

No better selected stock of Hosiery in Kansas. Just one item in this stock to show what we are doing, and you must see it to appreciate it. An all silk double sole Ladies Hose for \$1.25, can not be duplicated anywhere for less than \$1.25. All the new novelties in Ladies linen collars and cuffs. How would you like a Pure Lisle Thread Ladies Jersey Glove, 15 inches long for 25 cents? We have them. A real Kid Glove, 5 button all new shades at 50 cents to close stock at once. Ladies Silk Mitts, 13 inches long for 25 cents.

We have many Special bargains in Ladies', Childrens' and Men's Shoes.

We cordially invite everybody that has a dollar's worth of goods to buy to look us over and see what we will do for you.

J. G. Hamaker & Co.